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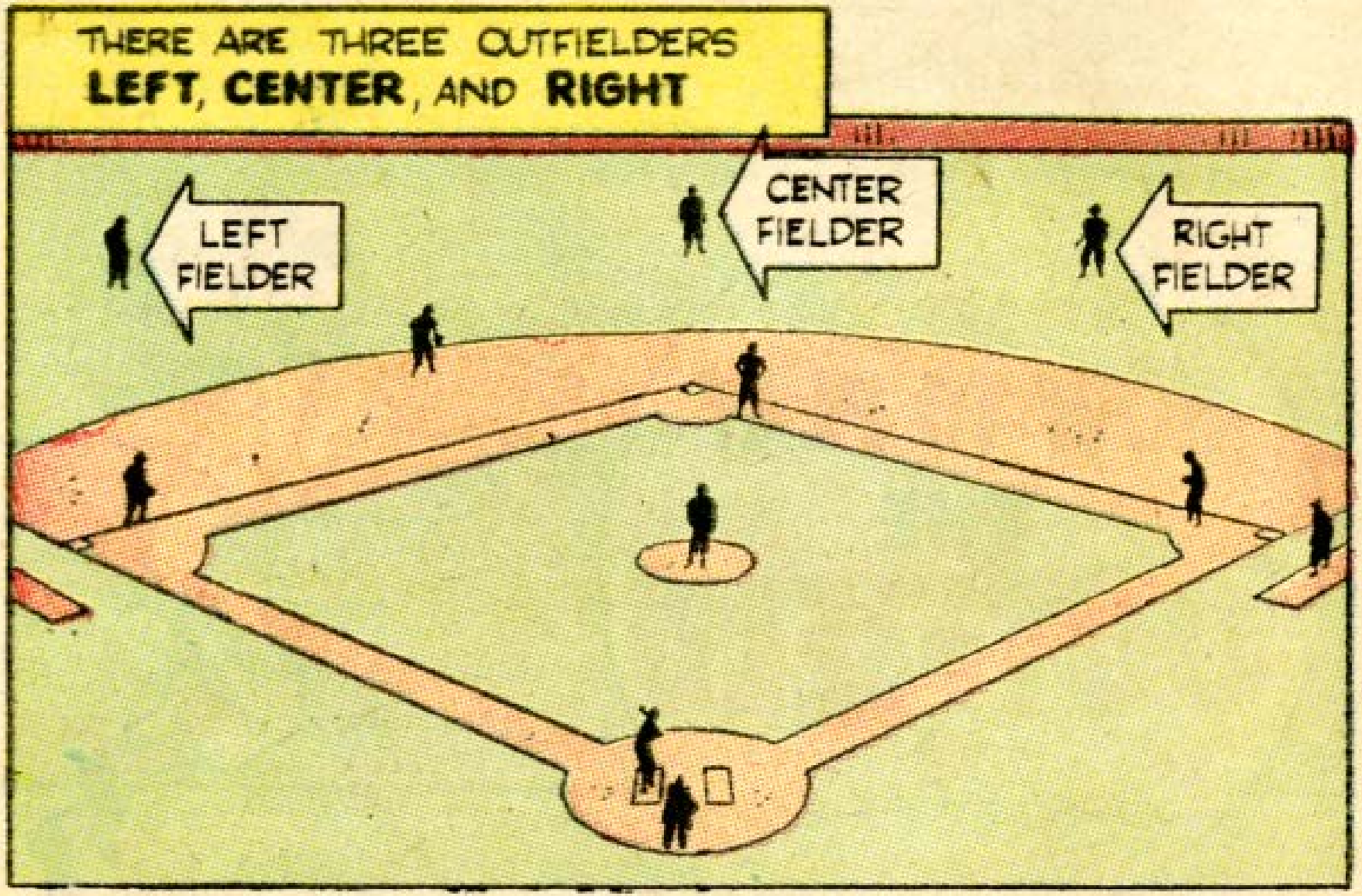
BASEBALL FOR EVERYONE

# HOW TO PLAY THE OUTFIELD

HINTS FOR LITTLE, JUNIOR, MIDGET, BABE RUTH PLAYERS

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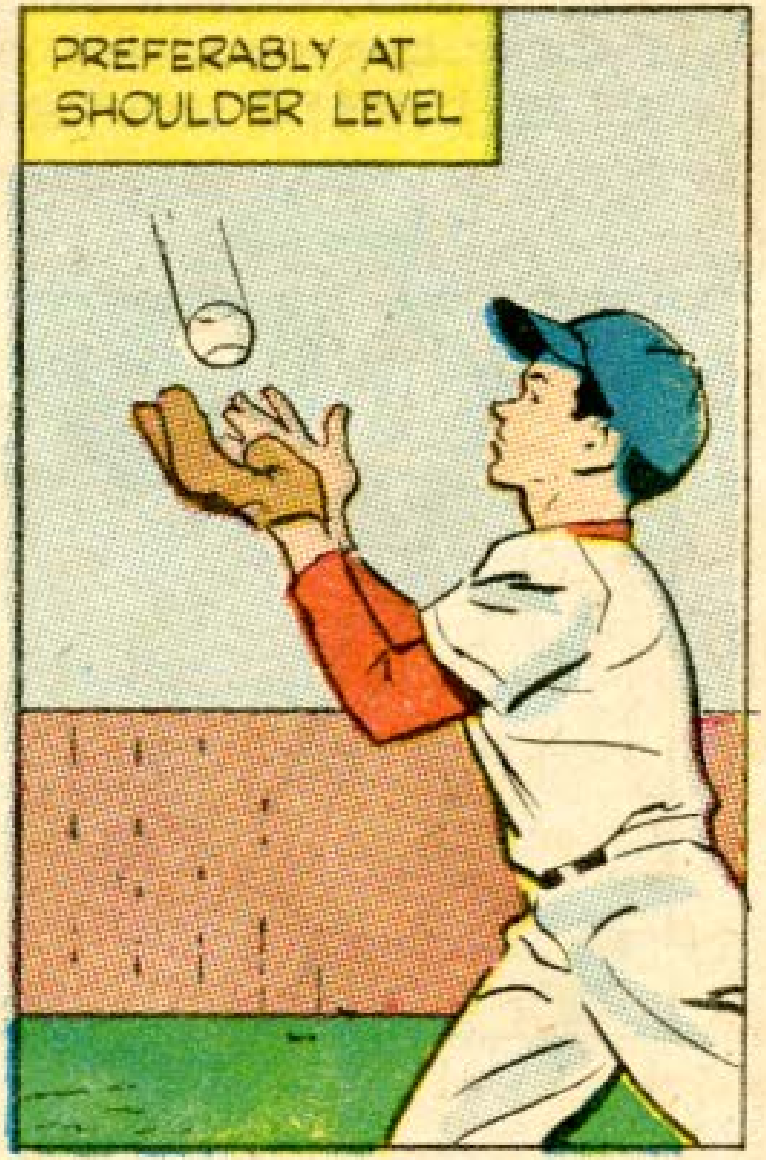
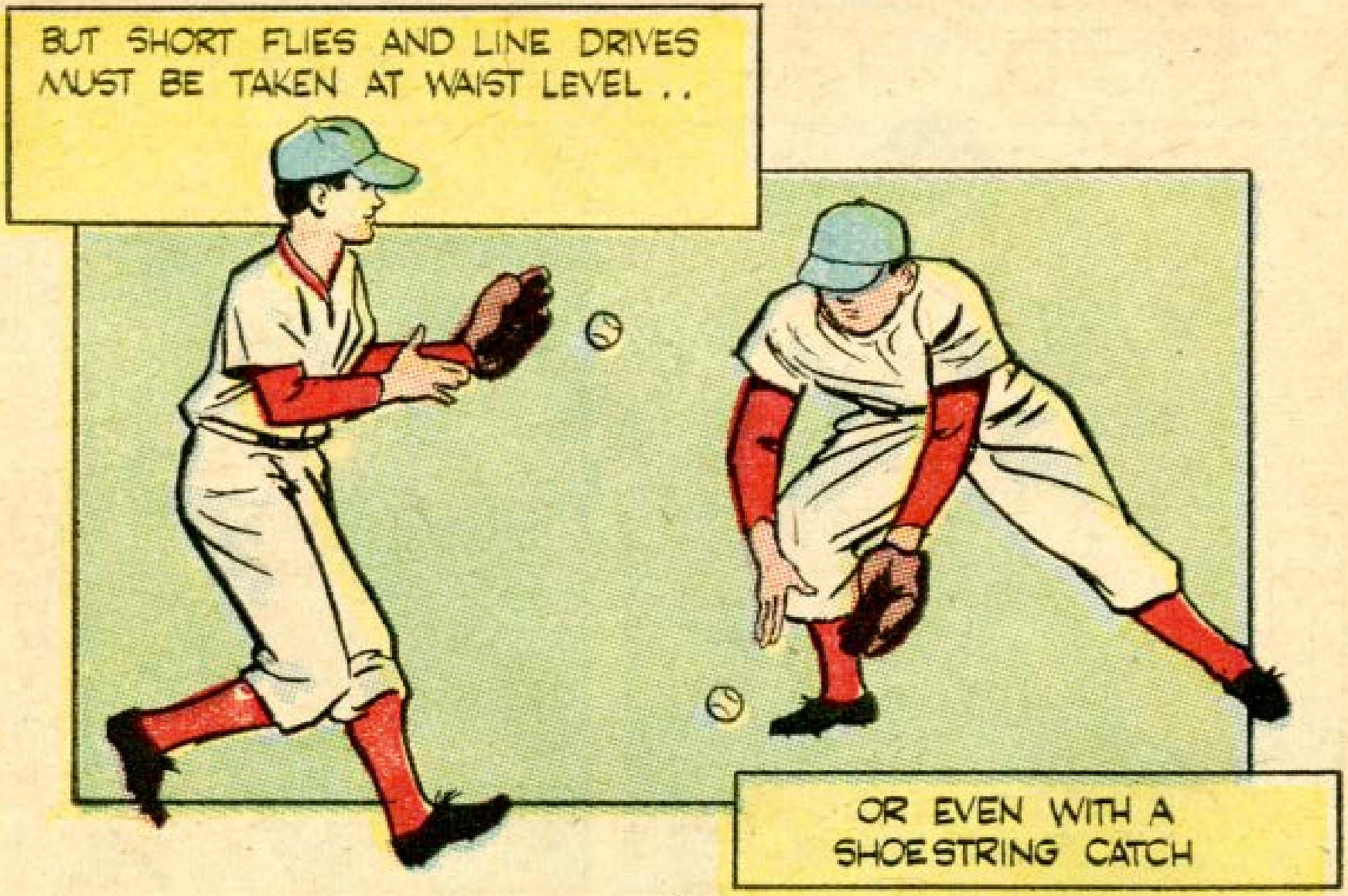
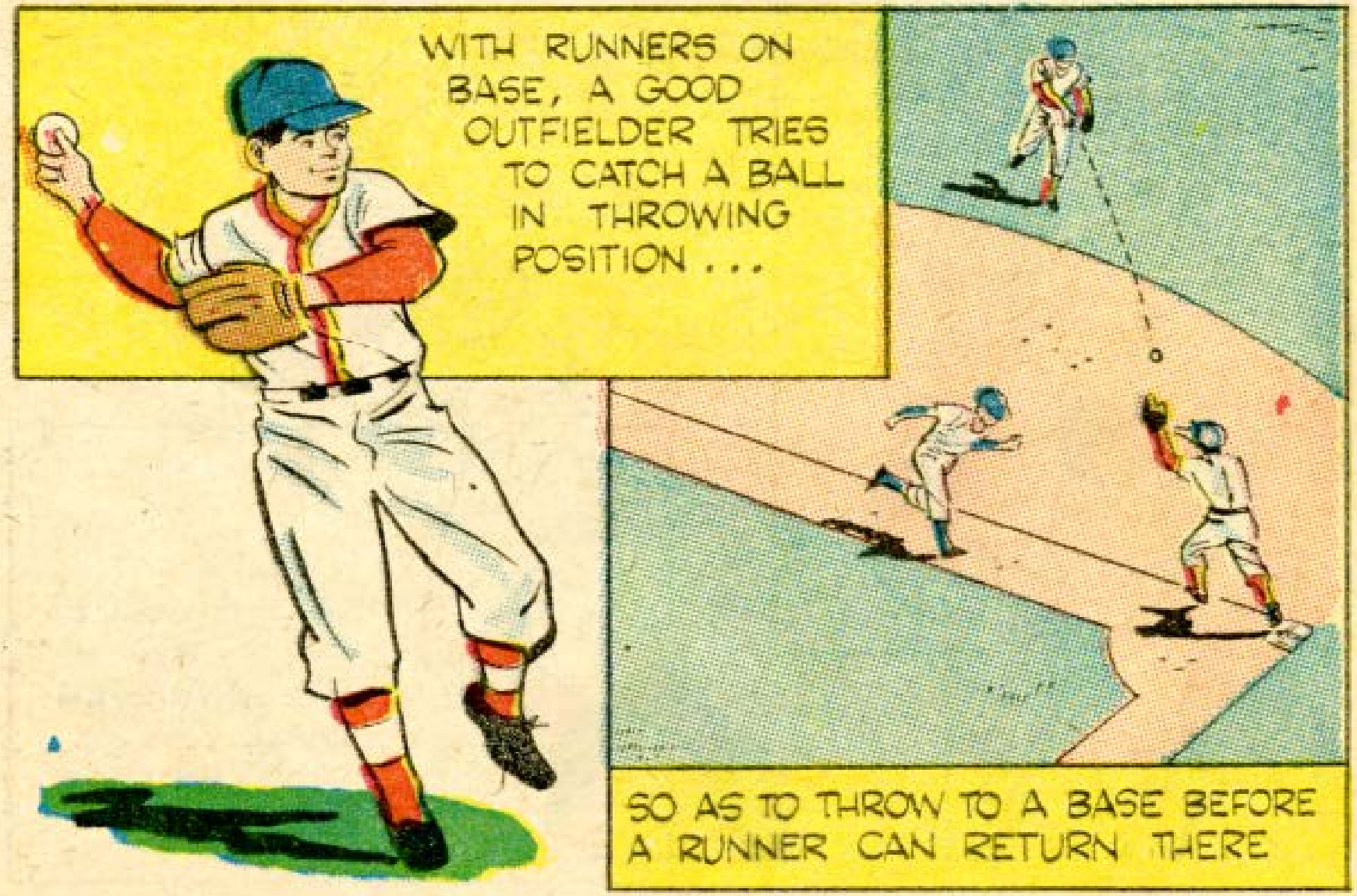
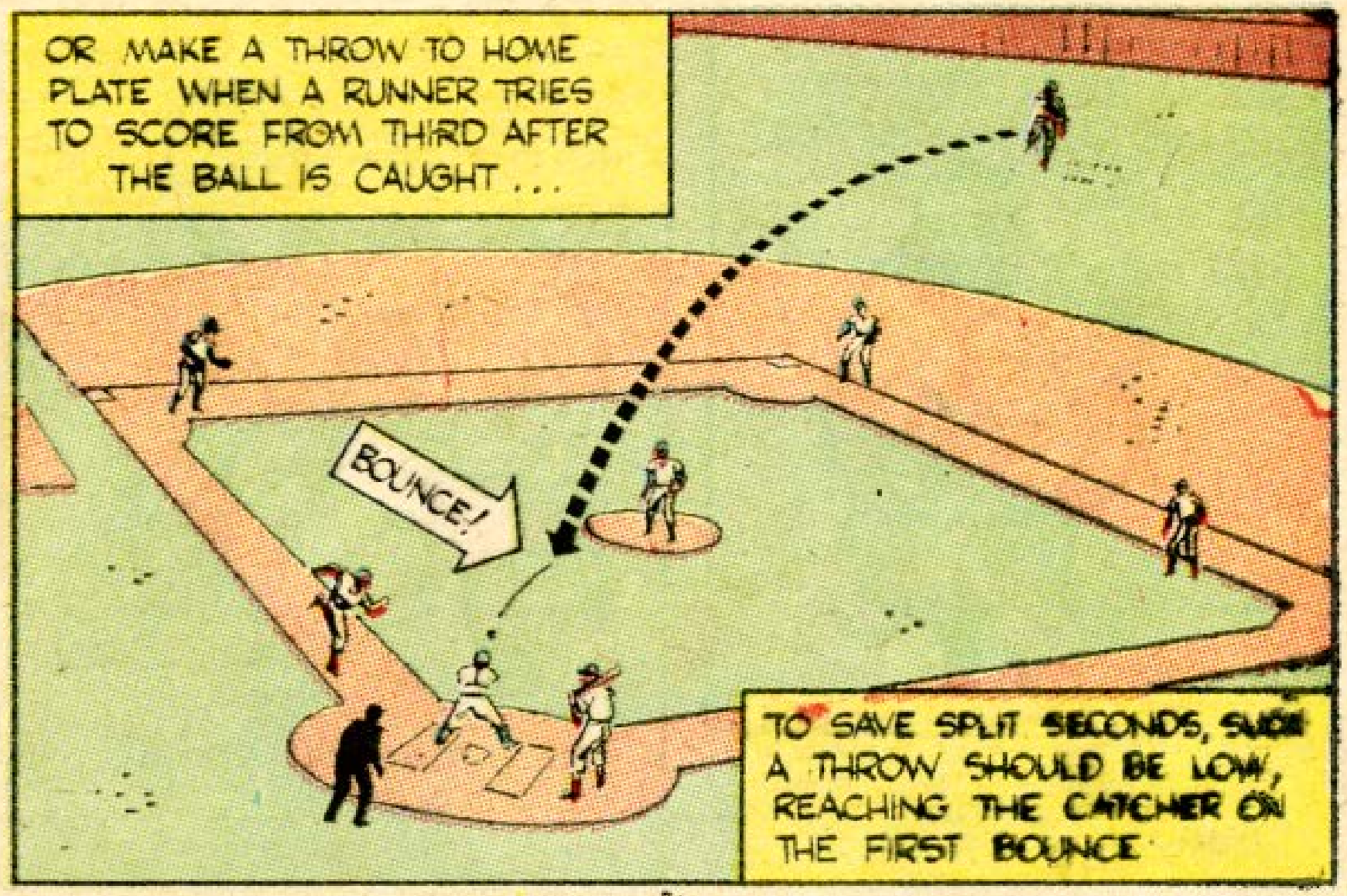
THE OUTFIELDER'S FIRST JOB IS TO JUDGE AND CATCH FLY BALLS


PREFERABLY AT SHOULDER LEVEL


BUT SHORT FLIES AND LINE DRIVES MUST BE TAKEN AT WAIST LEVEL . .
OR EVEN WITH A SHOESTRING CATCH

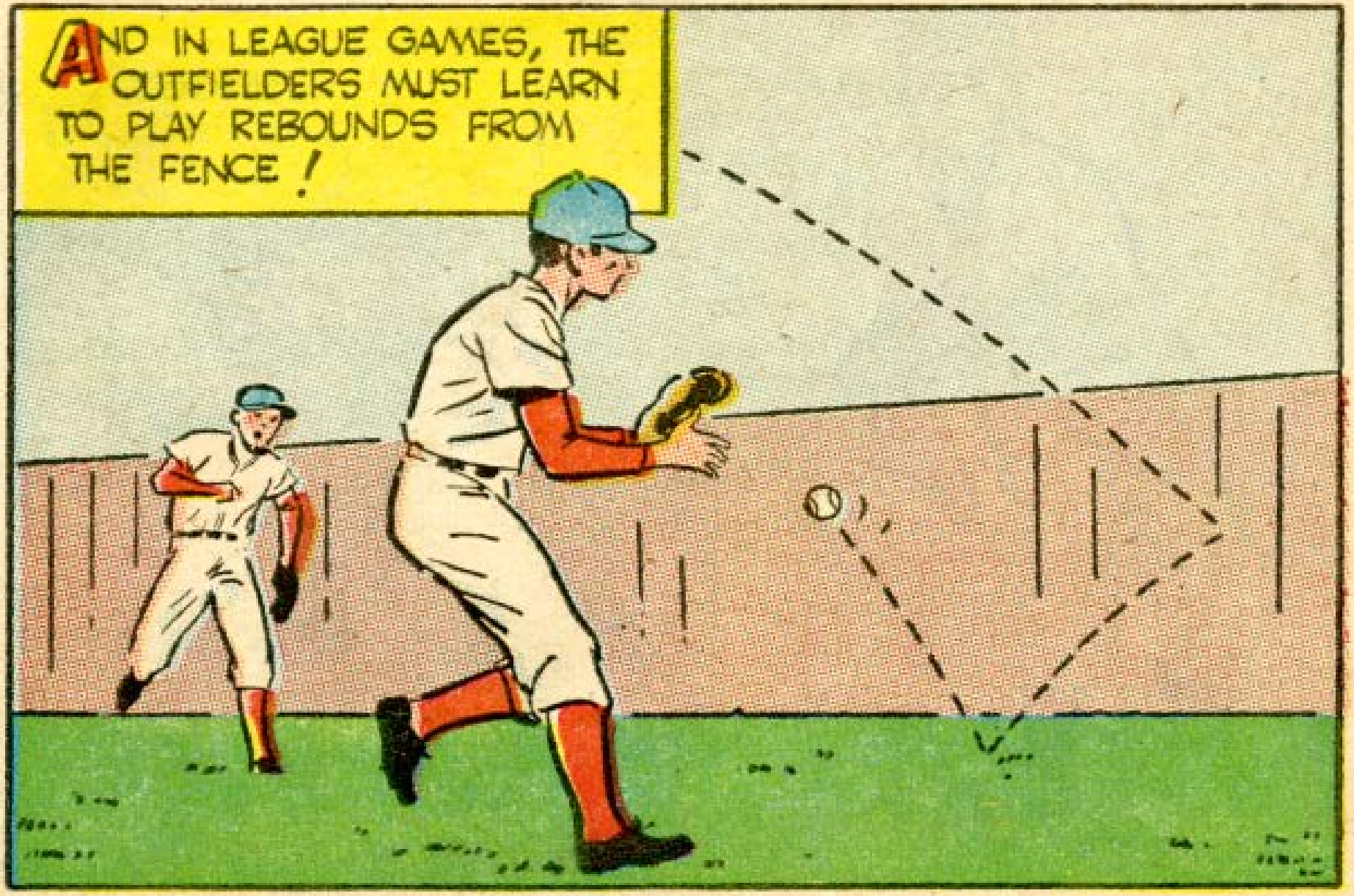
A FIELDER CAN BACK UP FOR A HIGH FLY...
BUT LONG HIT BALLS SHOULD BE TAKEN OVER THE **SHOULDER** WHILE ON THE RUN

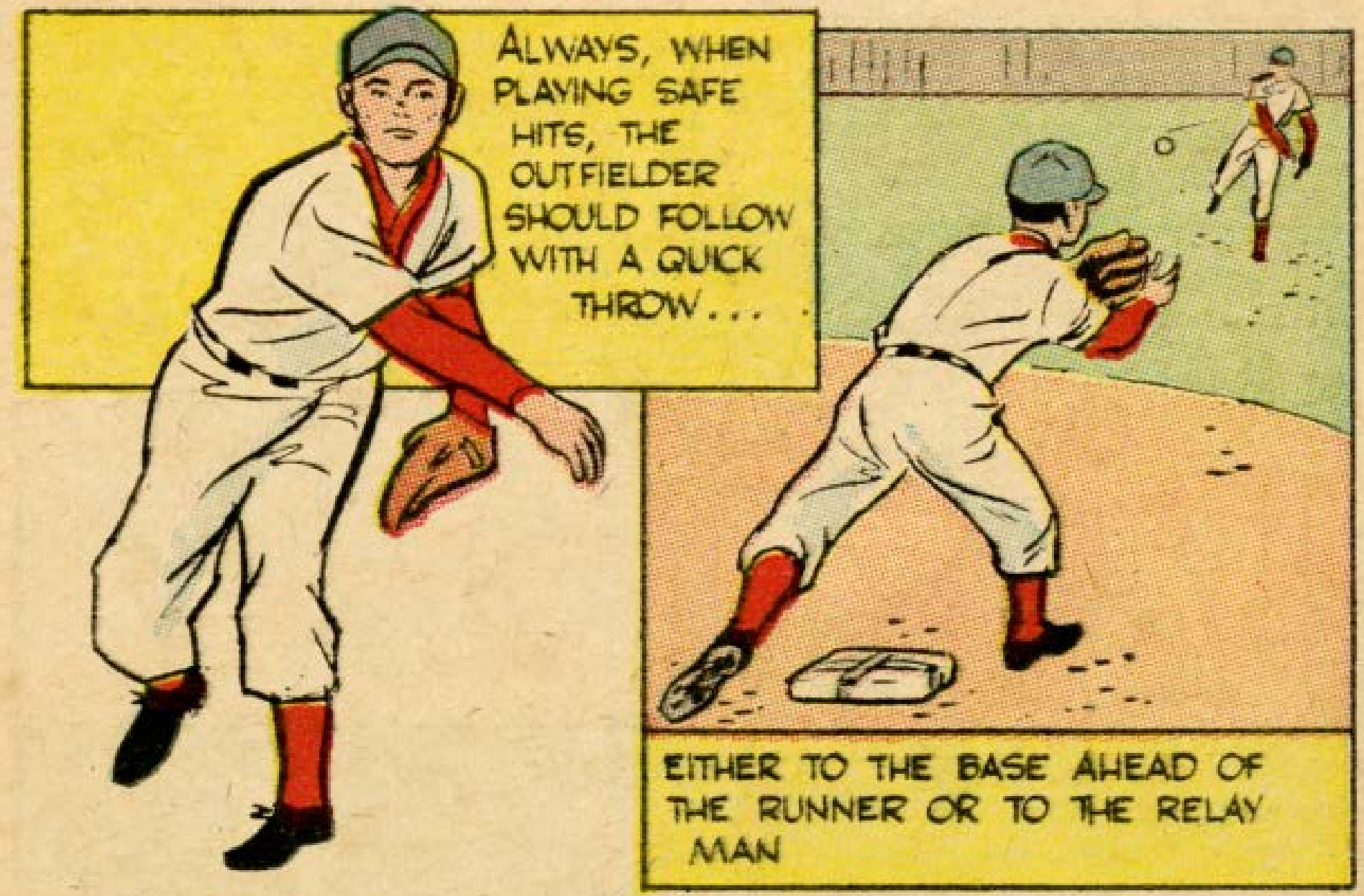

WITH RUNNERS ON BASE, A GOOD OUTFIELDER TRIES TO CATCH A BALL IN THROWING POSITION . . .
SO AS TO THROW TO A BASE BEFORE A RUNNER CAN RETURN THERE


OR MAKE A THROW TO HOME PLATE WHEN A RUNNER TRIES TO SCORE FROM THIRD AFTER THE BALL IS CAUGHT . . .
BOUNCE!
TO SAVE SPLIT SECONDS, SUCH A THROW SHOULD BE LOW, REACHING THE CATCHER ON THE FIRST BOUNCE

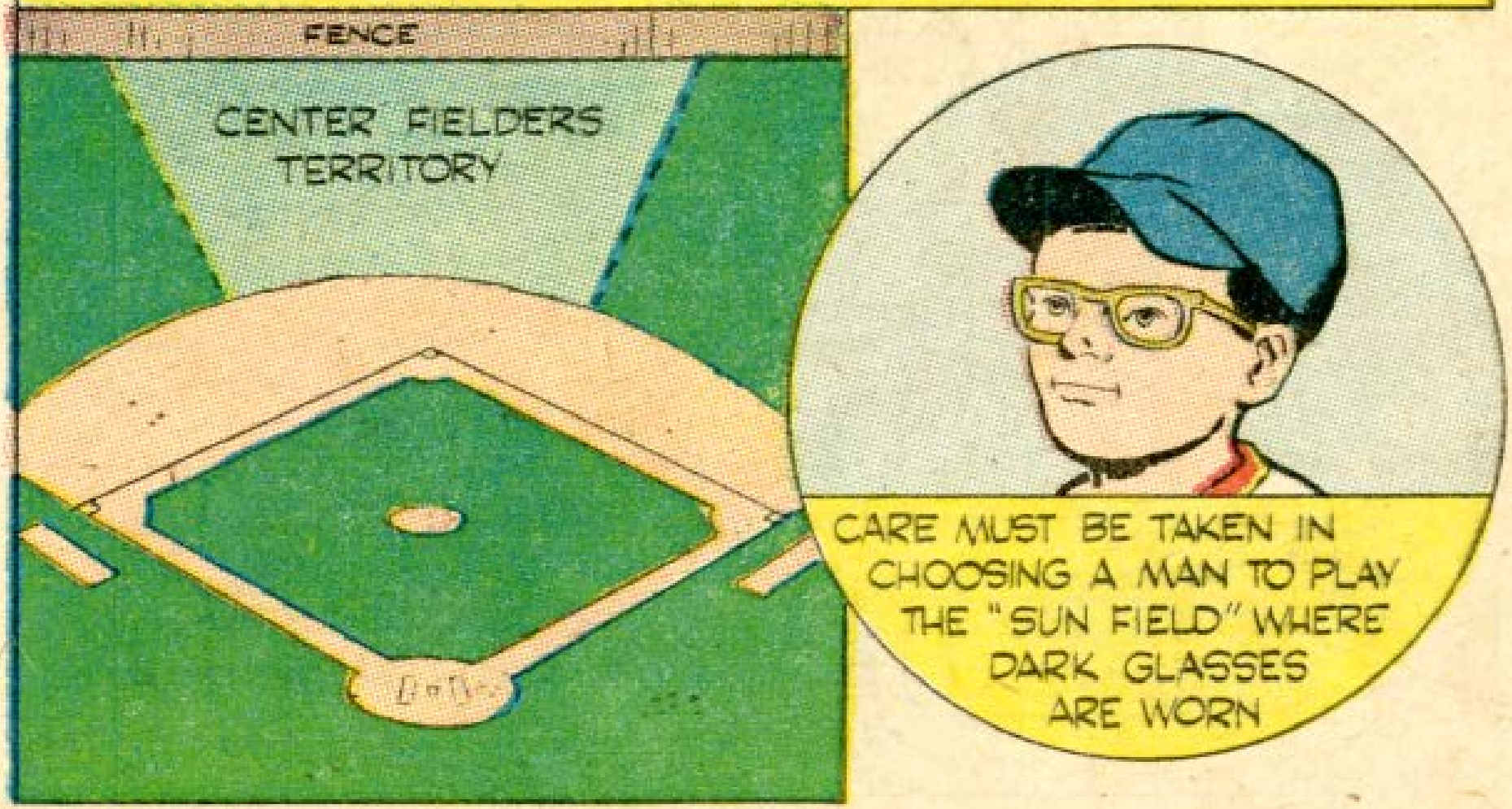
THE OUTFIELDERS MUST PLAY GROUND BALLS, TOO. OFTEN THEY ARE HARD-HIT HOPPERS

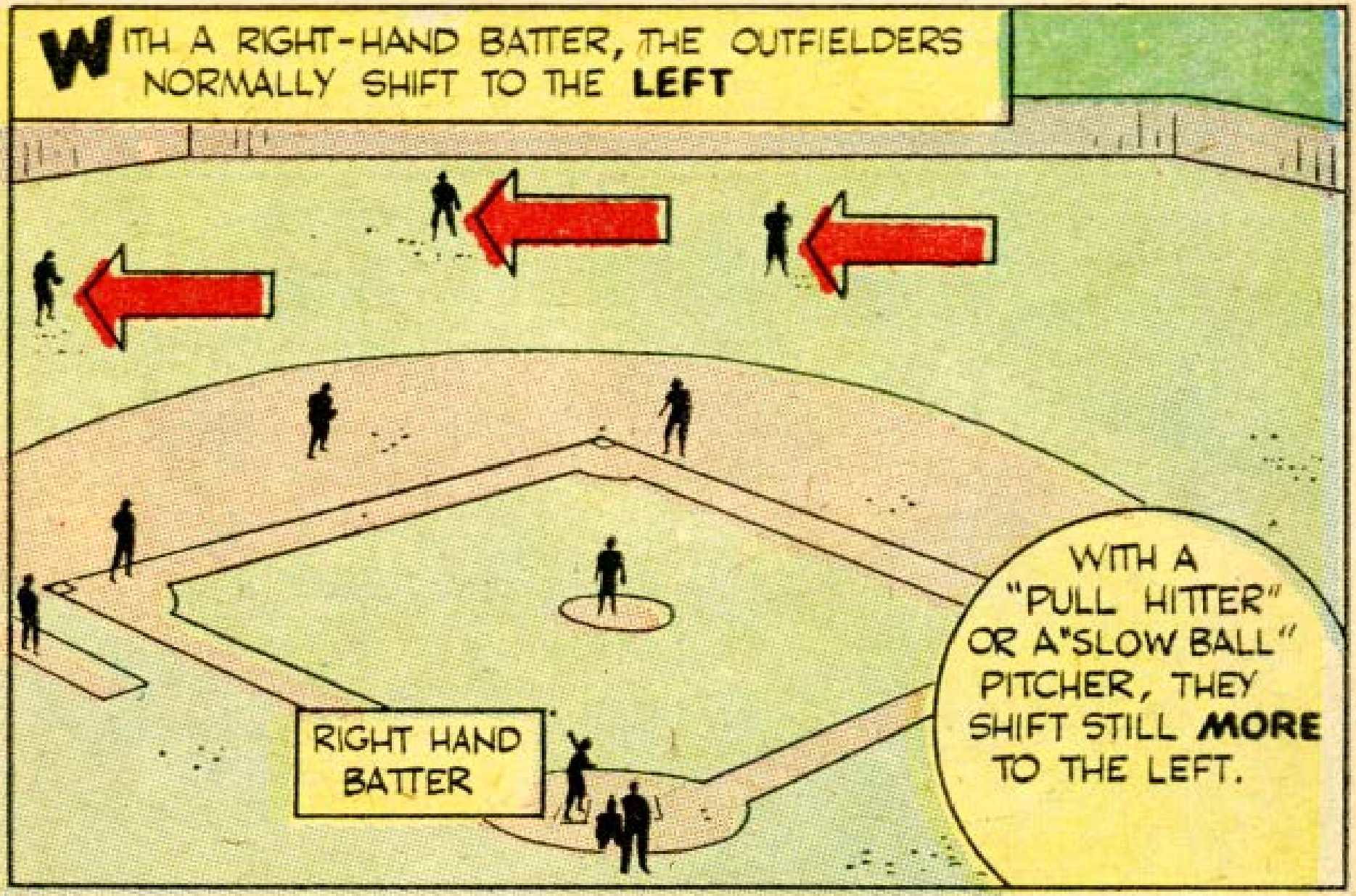
THAT SHOULD BE BLOCKED TO BE PLAYED SAFELY

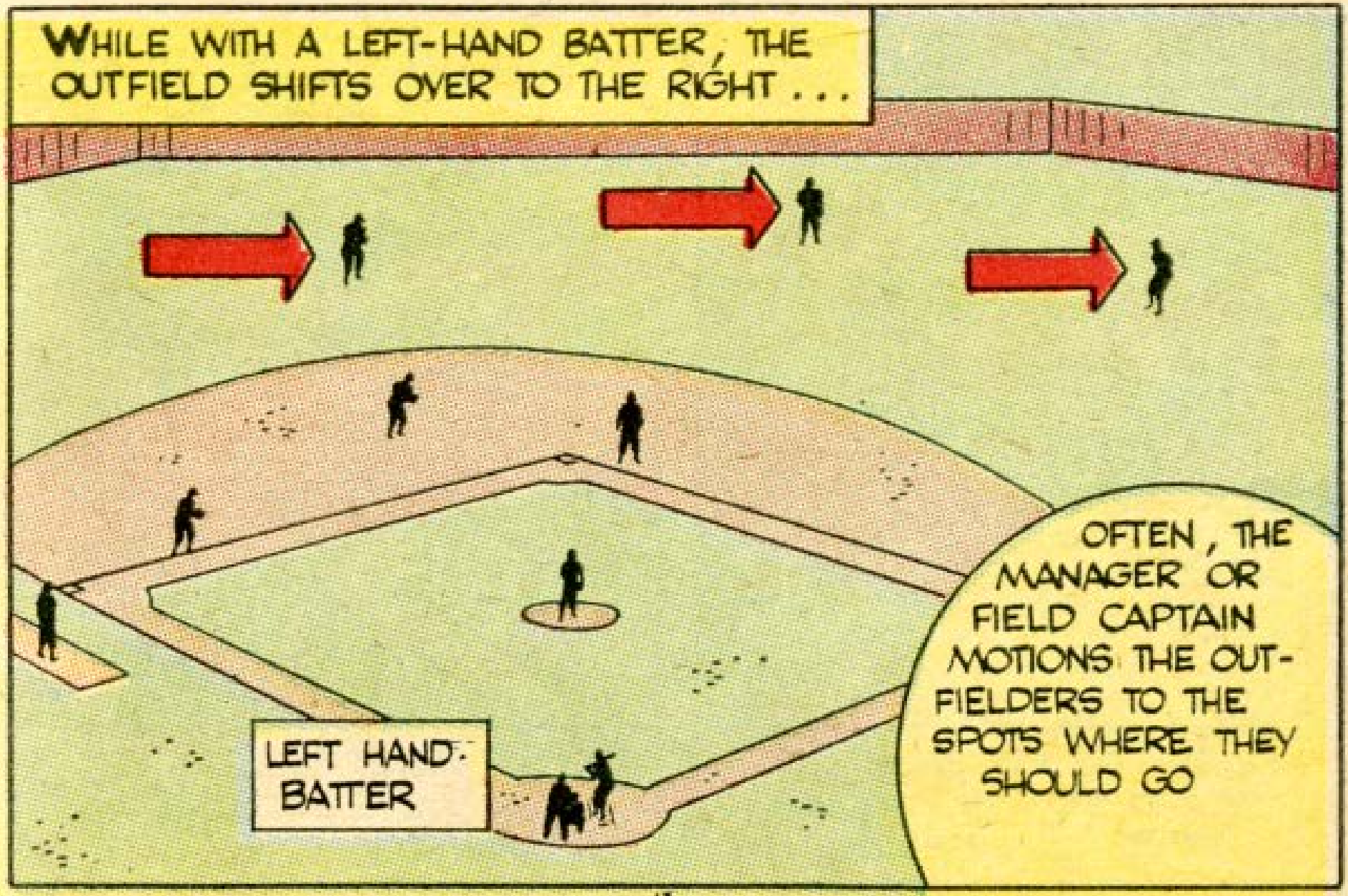

AND IN LEAGUE GAMES, THE OUTFIELDERS MUST LEARN TO PLAY REBOUNDS FROM THE FENCE!

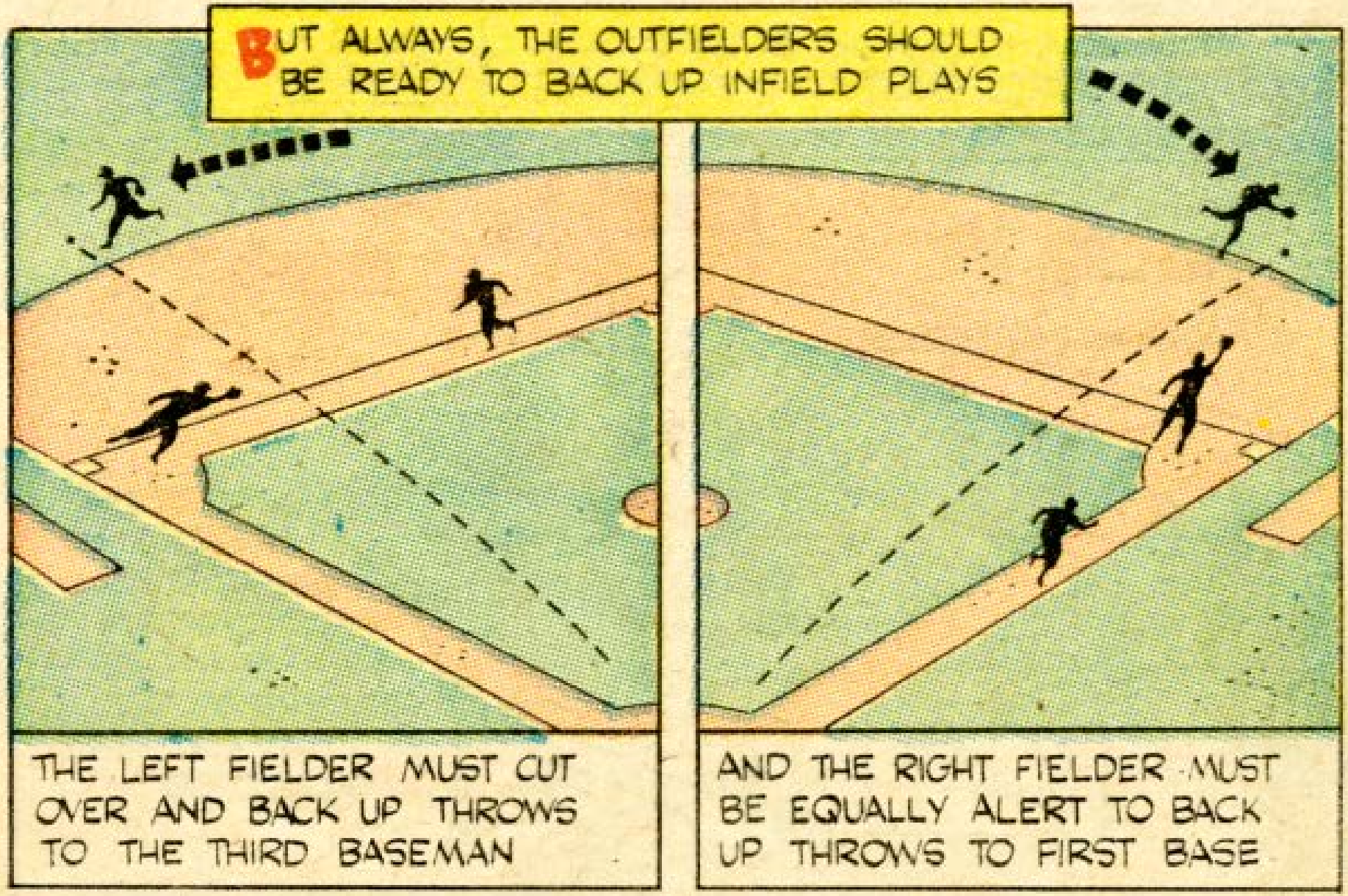

ALWAYS, WHEN PLAYING SAFE HITS, THE OUTFIELDER SHOULD FOLLOW WITH A QUICK THROW...
EITHER TO THE BASE AHEAD OF THE RUNNER OR TO THE RELAY MAN

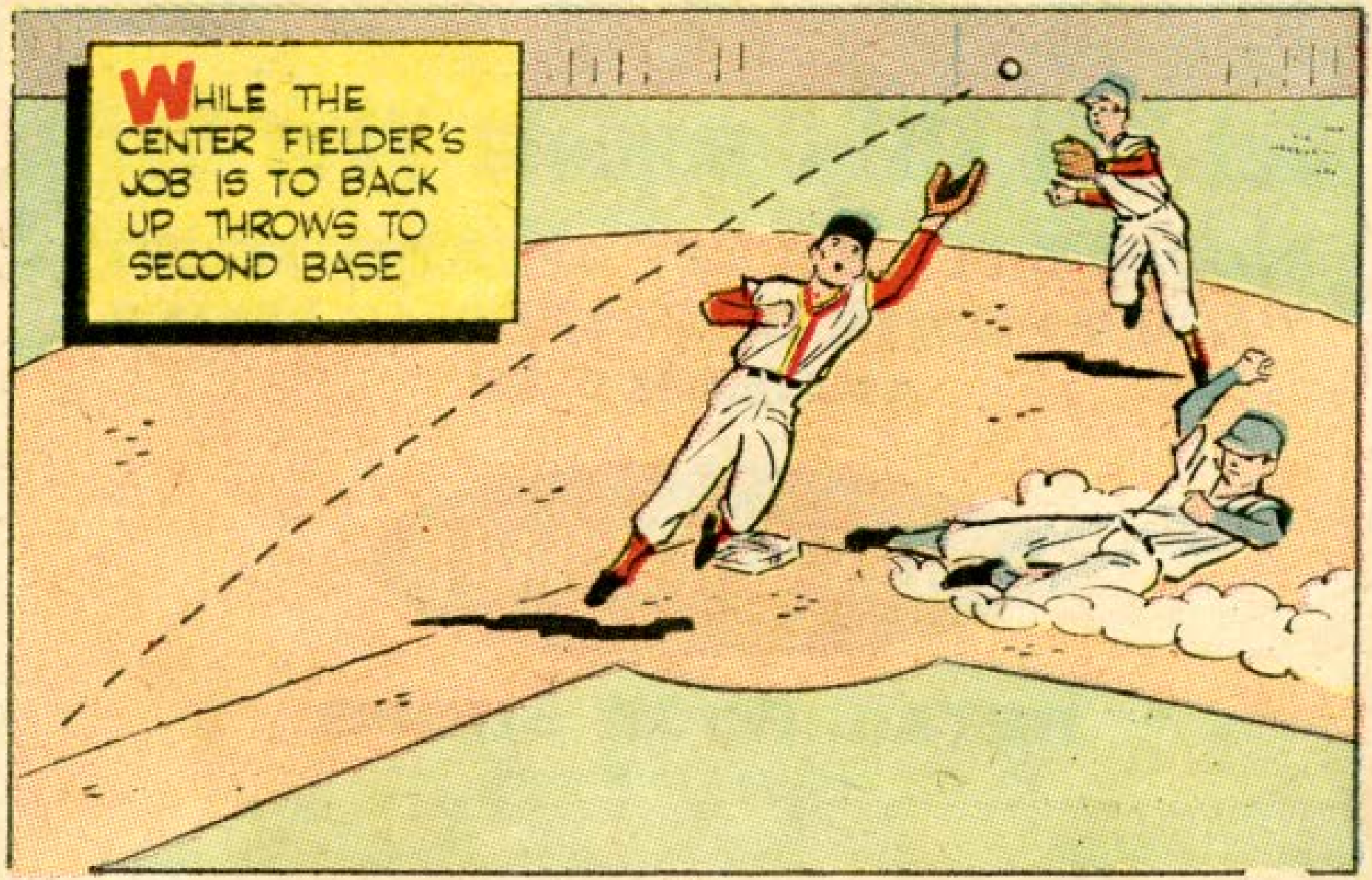
OF ALL THREE OUTFIELDERS THE CENTER FIELDER NEEDS MOST SPEED AND THE STRONGEST ARM, AS HE COVERS THE WIDEST AND LONGEST RANGE




WITH A RIGHT-HAND BATTER, THE OUTFIELDERS NORMALLY SHIFT TO THE LEFT
RIGHT HAND BATTER
WITH A "PULL HITTER" OR A "SLOW BALL" PITCHER, THEY SHIFT STILL MORE TO THE LEFT.


WHILE WITH A LEFT-HAND BATTER, THE OUTFIELD SHIFTS OVER TO THE RIGHT . . .
LEFT HAND BATTER
OFTEN, THE MANAGER OR FIELD CAPTAIN MOTIONS THE OUT-FIELDERS TO THE SPOTS WHERE THEY SHOULD GO


BUT ALWAYS, THE OUTFIELDERS SHOULD BE READY TO BACK UP INFIELD PLAYS
THE LEFT FIELDER MUST CUT OVER AND BACK UP THROWS TO THE THIRD BASEMAN
AND THE RIGHT FIELDER MUST BE EQUALLY ALERT TO BACK UP THROWS TO FIRST BASE


WHILE THE CENTER FIELDER'S JOB IS TO BACK UP THROWS TO SECOND BASE

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